

**IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR ALL PET OWNERS REGARDING INFORMED CONSENT
FOR VETERINARY MEDICAL PRODUCTS AND PROCEDURES**

By requiring you to read and sign this important paper we are fulfilling our obligation to certify we have done our part to inform you about risks and benefits of procedures we recommend or products we sell or dispense. We always welcome pet owner inquiries about the pet's health care. Please read this carefully and ask us any questions you have about your pet's health and safety while under the care of the staff at All Creatures Veterinary Clinic.

I understand I am under no obligation to obtain services provided by ACVC. I understand that there are a number of other local veterinary care facilities at which I can obtain veterinary services and products, including veterinary specialists.

I understand ACVC will, and often does, recommend advanced, specialized veterinary care if a patient presents with a complex problem best served by specialized veterinary medical or surgical care.

I understand any time a medication, vaccine, flea/tick preventative or other topical or oral medication is administered there is a very slight... but real... risk the pet could have an adverse reaction to the product. I will immediately report any severe adverse or unexpected reaction in my pet to ACVC.

I understand some procedures such as surgery, radiography ("taking x-rays"), or restraint for minor procedures may require the use of tranquilizers, sedation, light general or deeper anesthesia. Furthermore, I have been informed there can be unexpected adverse events resulting from these drugs. The adverse events can range from subtle or mild to extensive and life-threatening. For example, I understand any sedation or anesthetic agent could create abnormal heart rhythms, rapid changes in blood pressure or unexpected suppression of respiration. I understand in each unique administration of any drug ACVC takes due diligence visually and/or via instrument monitoring of the patient and has ready access to emergency medications and fluids that may be needed to counteract an adverse event.

In veterinary and human medicine I understand there exists no perfect methodology in performing surgery or prescribing medications and no guarantee can be made that the outcome of a surgical procedure or medication administered will be totally successful. What ACVC can guarantee is that each member of the staff will manage each patient to the best of their ability.

I understand that I must do my part in following the doctor's medical and post-operative directions.

I understand I should contact ACVC as soon as reasonable if I have questions about my pet's medications, directions for use of medications, post-operative care, anticipated recovery times, or other issues resulting from my pet's health care at ACVC.

Because each patient is unique and no two surgical or medical interactions are identical I understand estimates for medical and surgical services are *estimates* or *ranges* for costs incurred.

I understand fees incurred for my requested services need to be paid at the time service is rendered unless prior alternative arrangements are made.

NOTES: _____

Signed by pet owner: _____ Date: _____

Signed by ACVC staff member: _____ Date: _____

